



Baltimore Bond Issues Questions F-Q

General
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Martin O'Malley, Mayor



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

You've been told many times that you have a right and responsibility to exercise your vote. Now you can affect not only your nation's future, but your local community's as well. When you vote YES for Baltimore's bond issues, you take an active role in shaping the future growth and development of our community.

Our investments cover a broad range of activities, but they all share a single goal: to make the City of Baltimore a dynamic and sustainable place to live, learn, play and earn. These bond issue requests were carefully developed under the leadership of the Planning Commission and the Department of Planning, which are responsible for balancing the needs and competing priorities of many City agencies.

By voting YES on issues F-Q, you make it possible for the groups you support to obtain an additional \$120 million over the next two years to fund physical improvements throughout the city and its neighborhoods. These necessary funds provide renovations for our schools, libraries, recreation centers and cultural and educational facilities. A YES vote on bond issues F-Q also fosters economic development in our neighborhoods, spurs community revitalization, and provides homeownership opportunities.

Approving the 2004 bond issues is a way that you can directly have a positive impact, not only on yourself and your family, but also on your neighbors and the greater community of Baltimore City. You are responsible for the great changes happening in this City, and we need your YES vote.

Baltimore has a success record of voting YES for nearly 30 consecutive years. I am asking you to continue that tradition, take to the polls on November 2nd, and vote YES for all twelve bond issues. Let's work together on November 2nd. Let's vote YES!

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BELIEVE

Ordinance No. 02-375 to authorize the Mayor and Council of Baltimore to borrow up to \$32,000,000, to be used for the acquisition of land or property in Baltimore City and on other property, to construct and erect new school athletic and other auxiliary facilities, and for additional improvements to, or modernization or reconstruction of, existing school buildings or facilities, including costs of inspection, removal, enclosure, management, containment and abatement of asbestos in school buildings or facilities, and to equip all buildings to be constructed, renovated, altered or improved in connection with this Ordinance, and for doing any and all things necessary and expedient in connection therewith.

YES

YES

QUESTION F

SCHOOL LOAN

\$34,000,000

This loan authorization will provide funding to continue the Baltimore City Public School System's commitment to creating an environment in our schools that encourages the highest caliber of teaching and learning. Improving the physical condition of our schools is integral to this commitment. This loan will be used to supplement State and other funds earmarked for Baltimore's School Construction Program to support the following projects:

Renovations or additions to Dunbar High School #414, Southern Digital High School #070, Highlandtown Elementary School #237 and Laurence Paquin School #457;

Planning and design for renovations and/or additions to Violetville Elementary School #226 and Leith Walk Elementary School #245;

Environmental remediation of schools scheduled for major renovations through the School Construction Program, citywide;

Systemic improvements, including roofs, boilers, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and window and door replacements to facilities, citywide, to maintain a positive learning environment.

QUESTION G

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN

\$33,500,000

Baltimore City remains committed to supporting and promoting efforts to revitalize and stabilize neighborhoods and provide decent, affordable housing for our citizens. This loan will be used to meet these vital goals by funding these projects:

\$7,140,000 to demolish abandoned structures throughout the City in support of the Blight Elimination program and to address emergency situations;

\$5,390,000 to stabilize properties for disposition to potential homeowners and developers;

\$4,470,000 to acquire properties and relocate households for Project 5000 and other important City developments;

\$4,380,000 for various homeownership incentive programs and to support the Neighborhood Conservation and Healthy Neighborhoods programs;

\$5,260,000 for loans, grants and gap financing in federal HOME projects to help facilitate rental and ownership opportunities for low-income families;

\$2,310,000 for renovations and upgrades to Youth Centers, Day Resource Centers and Homeless Shelters;

\$2,100,000 to promote the citywide development objective of increasing mixed-income public housing developments;

\$470,000 for housing repair assistance programs, which primarily target the low-income elderly population;

\$1,980,000 for Special Capital Projects, including a capital matching grants program to implement community improvement efforts and provide support for projects in SNAP, Healthy Neighborhoods, and Main Street Areas.

QUESTION H

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN

\$29,875,000

Economic Development funds are used to retain and attract jobs in the City and increase tax revenues for the City. This loan will provide funds for a number of important economic development projects, including:

\$9,100,000 for capital financing, land assembly, blight elimination, and infrastructure improvements for targeted sites and industry sectors throughout Baltimore;

\$6,000,000 to fund implementation of the East Baltimore Development Initiative, The plan for Area A, the first phase, calls for 300 units of new residential construction, 450,000 square feet of commercial/life science space, 800 parking spaces and supporting retail development;

\$3,000,000 to continue implementation of the Westside Redevelopment Initiative in the old Howard Street retail district;

QUESTION H, Economic Development Loan continued

\$1,875,000 for arts-related projects, targeting the Station North and Highlandtown Arts and Entertainment Districts, artist studio renovations at School 33 and the Bromo Seltzer Tower and improvements to The Patterson Theater, home of the Creative Alliance

\$1,000,000 for capital repairs to business centers and incubators such as elevator, boiler and window replacement;

\$2,000,000 to promote redevelopment of brownfield sites, specifically targeting opportunities in Fairfield and Carroll Camden;

\$2,000,000 to implement the Inner Harbor Master Plan by creating a world-class park on the West Shore;

\$2,500,000 for Commercial Revitalization activities that promote neighborhood economic growth in SNAP areas, along Main Streets and in Healthy Neighborhoods;

\$1,000,000 for Downtown Partnership of Baltimore to continue its façade improvement program and to rehabilitate historic Preston Gardens;

\$1,400,000 to fund implementation of Comprehensive Master Plan initiatives by the Department of Planning.

QUESTION I

PUBLIC BUILDINGS LOAN **\$7,580,000**

The Department of Public Works, through the Bureau of General Services, is responsible for maintaining a safe working environment for City workers and the general public. This loan will fund necessary capital repairs at various municipal buildings, including Police and Fire Stations, Courthouses and other public buildings. The work involves structural and exterior improvements, roof replacements, mechanical and electrical system replacements, fire alarm upgrades and other necessary repairs to meet building code standards.

QUESTION J

RECREATION & PARKS LOAN **\$6,945,000**

The Department of Recreation and Parks manages the City's extensive network of parks, playgrounds, playing fields, swimming pools, and recreation centers. This loan will provide funds for perimeter improvements for six major parks, renovation to neighborhood parks and playgrounds, and restoration of the Three Sisters Area of Druid Hill Park. Renovations to Swann Park and Farring Baybrook Park will also be completed.

QUESTION K

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY LOAN **\$2,600,000**

The Enoch Pratt Free Library's mission is to provide equal access to information and services for the citizens of Baltimore and, as the State Library Resource Center, to serve the citizens of the entire State of Maryland. This loan authorization will provide funding for improvements to computer labs, handicapped access and building systems at select branch libraries, including the Edmondson Avenue Branch.

QUESTION L

NATIONAL AQUARIUM in BALTIMORE **\$1,500,000**

The National Aquarium in Baltimore is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making a positive environmental, educational and economic impact in Baltimore and beyond. Every youth program, exhibit and outreach effort focuses on inspiring Baltimore City residents and people throughout the world to protect nature's aquatic treasures. This loan authorization will provide for the second phase of major renovations to the Aquarium as part of the facility master plan, and expansion on Piers 3 & 4 in the Inner Harbor, ensuring a continued world-class attraction and educational experience for all visitors.

QUESTION M

HEALTH CARE for the HOMELESS LOAN \$1,300,000

The mission of Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) is to provide health-related services, education, and advocacy to reduce the incidence and burdens of homelessness. This loan will provide funds to help construct a new, enlarged facility to be located near the Fallsway, east of Downtown. The new facility will increase, to at least 6,000 per year, the number of homeless persons who can benefit from HCH's medical, mental health, addiction, social work, outreach, and educational services.

QUESTION N

B&O RAILROAD MUSEUM LOAN \$1,000,000

The B&O Railroad Museum is a heritage tourism attraction, a tourist destination, an historical and educational community resource, and a place that generates jobs, revenue, internships, and volunteer opportunities. It is also a railroad museum of international renown, one of Maryland's primary tourist attractions, and an economic and educational engine for southwest Baltimore. This loan will contribute funding towards the restoration of the B&O Railroad Museum's Car Shops, expanding the public usage and interpretation of these two historic buildings.

QUESTION O

MARYLAND SCIENCE CENTER LOAN \$700,000

As the State and region's leading provider of informal science education, the Maryland Science Center creates effective and important partnerships that not only help develop science education and knowledge but also help grow Maryland's economy. The Maryland Science Center creates an awareness of the importance of science to our lives and stimulates people, especially children, to learn science by creating exciting educational experiences. This loan authorization will provide funding for renovations to the front plaza area and exterior improvements to the original Science Center building.

QUESTION P

WALTERS ART MUSEUM LOAN \$500,000

The Walters Art Museum is one of Maryland's greatest cultural and educational resources, and an important anchor for the Mount Vernon Cultural District. This loan authorization will provide funding to support future construction of a new building on the northwest corner of Cathedral and Centre Streets in order to provide additional space for education programs, special exhibitions, conservation and display of the permanent collection.

QUESTION Q

BALTIMORE MUSEUM of ART LOAN \$500,000

The Baltimore Museum of Art presents exhibitions and educational programs that serve the residents of Baltimore and attract cultural tourists to the City. This loan will provide funding for a renovated and expanded permanent exhibition of the Museum's renowned collection of African, Asian, Ancient and Native American, and Oceanic art.



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